WELCOME TO NJPNI

Welcome to New Jersey Pediatric Neuroscience Institute (NJPNI). We provide the very best in Pediatric Neurosurgical Care for children and their families.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: In order to provide the best medical care, we need our patient's medical history. Please complete the medical history form before your office visit. Bring the completed form to the office on the day of your visit.

X-RAYS, CAT scans, MRI's: It is YOUR responsibility to bring copies of OLD x-rays on a CD/DVD disc or Flash Drive. Check the CD/DVD disc or Flash Drive and make sure it is readable, at home. If you cannot view the images, neither can we. ONLY scans done at Morristown, Overlook and Hackensack Hospitals are accessible on the web for our staff.

SCHEDULING: Please call at least 2 weeks ahead of time to schedule an office visit. Emergencies will be seen as soon as possible, or referred to the Emergency Room, if need be. Cancellations should be called in at least 24 hours ahead of time. NO SHOWS will have to pay a $50 re-scheduling fee, in order to re-schedule another appointment.

CONSULTATION CHARGES: We usually collect payment in full at the time of your visit. Please make sure that you have your insurance card(s), a photo ID and a check/ credit card with you. If an authorization is needed for the visit, we may be able to help you obtain the authorization from your insurance company but you need to allow 5 business days for processing and completion.

Please arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment to complete the necessary paperwork. If you might be late, please call our office because we might have to reschedule. There is a rescheduling fee for appointments cancelled the day of the appointment.

Signature: _____ ***Date:*** _____

Please talk to our staff about your insurance. If you have financial problems that indicate your need to be on a payment plan, our billing department will work with you. We will do whatever it takes to help your child.

Please visit our website before your appointment at: www.njpni.com

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PATIENT REGISTRATION FORM

Patient Name: _____ **Sex:** M F **SS #:** _____-_____-_____
Last Name First Name
Address: _____ _____ _____ _____

Home Phone: (_____)_____-_____ **Other Phone:** (_____)_____-_____ **Birthdate:** ____/____/____ **Age:** _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Parent's Name:** _____
Last Name First Name Last Name First Name
Email Address: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Primary Language: _____

Primary Care Physician: _____ Phone: (_____) _____-_____ **Fax:** (_____) _____-_____
Last Name First Name
Address: _____ _____

Referring Physician: _____ Phone: (_____) _____-_____ **Fax:** (_____) _____-_____
Last Name First Name
Address: _____

How did you hear of our practice?
_____

INSURANCE INFORMATION OR COMPENSATION INFORMATION

Date of accident or hospitalization (if applicable): ____/____/____ **Name of Hospital:** _____

Primary Insurance: _____ ID#: _____ Claim/Group#: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** (_____)_____-_____ **Relation to Patient:** _____

Policyholder Name: _____**Birthdate:** ____/____/____ **SS #:** _____-_____-_____
Last Name First Name
Secondary Insurance: _____ ID#: _____ Claim/Group#: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** (_____) _____-_____ **Relation to Patient:** _____

Policyholder Name: _____**Birthdate:** ____/____/____ **SS #:** _____-_____-_____
Last Name First Name
Case/Social Worker Name: _____ **Phone:** (_____)_____-_____
Last Name First Name

Case/Social Worker's Email Address: _____

Individuals/ Physicians who should receive copies of OUR reports: (Please List)

_____

I have reviewed all previously documented information on the registration form and acknowledge that it is complete and accurate.

Signature: _____ **Print Name**: _____ **Date**: ____/____/____

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NJPNI PATIENT RETAINER AND POLICY STATEMENT

Assignment of (Insurance) Benefits (AOB) – Appointment as Legal Authorized Representative

I hereby assign all applicable health insurance benefits and all rights and obligations that I and my dependents have under my health plan to New Jersey Pediatric Neuroscience Institute (**NJPNI**) (the "Provider") and their affiliated law firms (the "Law Firms"), (collectively hereinafter, "My Authorized Representatives"), and I appoint them as my authorized representative with the power to:

- ✓ File and process medical claims, appeals and grievances with the health plan
- ✓ File appeals and grievances with the health plan
- ✓ Institute any necessary litigation and/or complaints against my health plan ***naming me as plaintiff in such lawsuits and actions if necessary*** (or me as guardian of the patient if the patient is a minor)
- ✓ Discuss or divulge any of my personal health information or that of my dependents with any third party including the health plan
- ✓ Use a photocopy of my signature to be used to process insurance claims

I certify that the health insurance information that I provided to the Provider is accurate as of the date set forth below and that I am responsible for keeping it updated. This AOB will remain in effect until I revoke it in writing.

I am fully aware that having health insurance does not absolve me of my responsibility to ensure that my bills for professional services from the Provider are paid in full. I also understand that I am responsible for all amounts not covered by my health insurance, including co-payments, co-insurance, and deductibles.

ERISA Authorization

I hereby designate, authorize, and convey to My Authorized Representatives to the full extent permissible under law and under any applicable insurance policy and/or employee health care benefit plan: (1) the right and ability to act as my Authorized Representative in connection with any claim, right, or cause of action including litigation against my health plan (even to name me as a plaintiff in such action) that I may have under such insurance policy and/or benefit plan; and (2) the right and ability to act as my Authorized Representative to pursue such claim, right, or cause of action in connection with said insurance policy and/or benefit plan (including but not limited to, the right and ability to act as my Authorized Representative with respect to a benefit plan governed by the provisions of ERISA as provided in 29 *C.F.R.* §2560.5031(b)(4) with respect to any healthcare expense incurred as a result of the services I received from Provider and, to the extent permissible under the law, to claim on my behalf, such benefits, claims, or reimbursement, and any other applicable remedy, including fines. I authorize communication with the Provider and his authorized representatives by email and my email address is _____@_____. I understand I can revoke this authorization in writing at any time.

A photocopy of this Authorization/Patient Retainer shall be as effective and valid as the original.

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Out-of-Network Disclosure/Patient Acknowledgment of Responsibility

You understand that the Provider is an out-of-network provider and that, consequently, you are responsible for the difference between charges and payments made by your health plan and any coinsurance and deductible required by your health plan. The Provider cannot waive any such patient responsibility. However, in consideration for your executing this Agreement and allowing us to litigate against your health plan on your behalf, the Provider agrees to pursue any such balance owed against the health plan and not the patient. However, if at the end of such litigation, there remains a balance owed, then you will be responsible for that balance. Any recover of funds made in connection with any ligation or arbitration we file against your health plan will be paid to the Provider and not to you. You specifically agree that such recovery is owed to the Provider and not to you.

Other Matters

This letter shall also confirm our mutual understanding that The Law Firms may represent other present or future clients on a basis adverse to you so long as we have not been engaged by you in the matter in which we are representing the other client. You agree that you will not assert our representation of you as a basis for disqualifying us from representing another client in any particular matter vis-à-vis yourself or any other party.

No Guarantee

Because of the uncertainty of legal proceedings, the interpretation and changes in the law and many unknown factors, NJPNI and its lawyers cannot and do not warrant, predict or guarantee results or the final outcome of any matter. Any expressions by us concerning the potential outcome of legal matters are expressions of our best professional judgment.

HIPAA Privacy Notice

I am aware of the HIPAA privacy notice for NJPNI. The HIPAA documents binder is in the waiting room and is available for your reading. HIPAA describes how NJPNI attempts to ensure the safety of my protected health information. HIPAA also explains my rights and NJPNI responsibilities to my privacy. I understand that if I want to limit access to my protected health information, I can list my requests below. I also understand that any questions that I have regarding my privacy can be answered by the Practice Administrator. By signing this acknowledgement form, I agree to the NJPNI HIPAA privacy policy as stated here and in their plan.

Please list all individuals/ family members who we have permission to communicate with in regards to healthcare and billing information. Also please list if there are any restrictions to release of information.

Name/ relationship:_____Phone:_____

Name/ relationship:_____Phone:_____

Patient name: _____ Date:_____

Patient/ Parent signature: _____

Witness:_____

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Insurance Information

Does NJPNI participate with my insurance?

NJPNI is contracted with several, but not all, insurance plans. If this does not include your insurance policy, there may be other options for your benefits and coverage.

Out of Network Options

In some instances, your insurance company may not be able to provide you with a **board certified pediatric neurosurgeon** that is in-network with your plan AND available within a certain radius of your home (usually 30-50 miles). When this happens, your insurance company may grant an **out of network gap exception**. If a board certified in-network provider capable of providing pediatric neurosurgical services **is not** available within a certain radius of your home, this exception may be granted. This process can ONLY be started by a parent or an in-network referring provider. A parent or in-network referring provider can call the number listed on the back of the insurance card and state they would like to obtain an out of network gap exception. The surgeons at NJPNI are all board certified in pediatric neurosurgery. If your doctor directly refers you to see a board certified pediatric neurosurgeon, be sure to indicate this to your insurance company to obtain the exception and see the best provider for your child. Out of network gap exceptions are **not** approved indefinitely. If an out of network gap exception is approved, the exception is only valid for a specific period of time. An extension may be requested as needed for continuity of care, which our office will process for you. The claim for your visit at our office will process at the in-network level of eligible expenses.

Hospital Consultations and Emergencies

If you were seen by one of our providers in an emergency or in the hospital, our office will attempt to obtain authorization with your insurance company for continuity of care. If approved, the claim for your follow up visits at our office will process at the in-network level of eligible expenses and at time of service, the patient will be responsible for their regular copay or co-insurance. If your child has received or requires surgery, certain procedures allow for a 90 day period of post-operative visits to be covered in full under the cost of the surgery.

Payment Plans

NJPNI offers a payment plan option to patients who are unable to pay for their office visit in full. Please ask a billing or front desk representative for details.

_____

Patient Name

_____ _____

Patient or Guardian Signature **Date**

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Patient's Authorization Form to Appeal Insurance Claim Decision

Today's Date: _____

Patient/Member Name: _____

Patient Insurance ID#: _____ Patient DOB: _____

I hereby authorize NJ Pediatric Neuroscience Institute, LLC to appeal any insurance claim with

_____ (Name of Insurance Company)

on my behalf, as my Designated Representative. As part of the appeal, I hereby authorize my carrier to communicate with NJ Pediatric Neuroscience Institute, LLC in all aspects of the appeal. I understand that these communications may contain the following, all medical and financial information about my treatment relating to my examination.

I understand this information is privilege and confidential and will only be released as specified in the authorization, or as required or permitted by law. This authorization is valid for a period of one year.

_____

Signature of Member or Legal Guardian

_____

Signature of Witness

_____ _____

Name of Witness Title

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Please indicate how you will be paying for your visit today:

(Circle one)

CREDIT CARD

CASH

CHECK

PAYMENT PLAN

Payment is expected at the time of service as discussed when your appointment was made. If for some reason payment is not collected at the time of service, without prior agreement with the billing coordinator, your credit card will be charged. We will not charge any amount above the charged fee for your office visit. You will be notified of this charge with a receipt in the mail.

If you agree to this authorization, please sign below and return this form along with your credit card to the receptionist so that a copy of the card can be made for the file.

Patient's name: _____

Guardian's signature: _____

Date: _____/_____/_____

Zip code: _____

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Pharmacy Information

Name of Patient: _____
Last First

Pharmacy: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____-_____ **Fax:** (_____) _____-_____

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Patient Health History – Pediatric
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PATIENT NAME: _____ **PARENTS' NAMES:** _____

Please check ONLY those that apply

PRIMARY CONCERN: _____

General: ☐ Fever ☐ Chills ☐ Sweats ☐ Anorexia
☐ Weight Loss ☐ Fatigue ☐ Obesity ☐ Difficulty Sleeping

Eyes: ☐ Blurring ☐ Irritation ☐ Cross-Eyed ☐ Vision Loss
☐ Eye Pain ☐ Light Sensitivity ☐ Double Vision ☐ Glasses/Contacts
☐ Drainage/Discharge

Ears/Nose/Throat: ☐ Earaches ☐ Ear Infections ☐ Ringing in ears
☐ Decreased Hearing ☐ Nasal Congestion ☐ Nose Bleeds
☐ Sore Throat ☐ Hoarseness ☐ Swallowing Problems
☐ Drooling

Cardiovascular: ☐ Chest Pain ☐ Palpitations ☐ Fainting
☐ Shortness of Breath ☐ Leg Swelling ☐ Heart Murmur
☐ Discoloration of extremities

Respiratory: ☐ Cough ☐ Shortness of Breath ☐ Excessive Sputum
☐ Coughing of Blood ☐ Wheezing ☐ Difficulty Breathing
☐ Other_____

Gastrointestinal: ☐ Nausea ☐ Vomiting ☐ Diarrhea
☐ Constipation ☐ Change of Bowel Habits ☐ Blood in Stool
☐ Abdominal Pain ☐ Jaundice ☐ Other_____
☐ Decrease Appetite ☐ Feeding/Eating Problems ☐ Breast/Bottle Feed
☐ Special Diet_____

Genitourinary: ☐ Pain on Voiding ☐ Blood in Urine ☐ Discharge ☐ Urinary Frequency
☐ Urinary Hesitation ☐ Incontinence ☐ Bed Wetting
☐ Awakening at night to void ☐ Intermittent Catherization

Musculoskeletal: ☐ Back Pain ☐ Joint Pain ☐ Joint Swelling
☐ Muscle Cramp ☐ Muscle Weakness ☐ Rigidity ☐ Stiffness
☐ Arthritis ☐ Spasticity ☐ Coordination/Motor Delay
☐ Decreased Strength ☐ Right/Left Handed

Skin: ☐ Rash ☐ Itching ☐ Dryness ☐ Birth Marks

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Neurologic:
☐ Temporary Paralysis ☐ Weakness ☐ Numbness ☐ Seizures
☐ Tremors ☐ Dizziness ☐ Fainting ☐ Confusion
☐ Hyperactivity ☐ Lethargy ☐ Difficulty Supporting Head
☐ Difficulty Concentrating ☐ Language Delay ☐ Headaches
☐ Location of Headache_____

Psychiatric:
☐ Depression ☐ Anxiety ☐ Memory Loss
☐ Paranoia ☐ Mental Disturbance ☐ Suicidal Ideations
☐ Hallucination ☐ Low Self Esteem ☐ Poor Decision Making
☐ Socially Isolated

Endocrine:
☐ Cold intolerance ☐ Heat intolerance ☐ Increased appetite
☐ Increased urination ☐ Increased thirst ☐ Weight changes
☐ Delayed or Early Puberty

Heme/Lymphatic:
☐ Abnormal bruising ☐ Bleeding ☐ Enlarged lymph nodes
☐ Frequent Infections ☐ Other_____

Allergic/Immunologic:
☐ Seasonal Allergies ☐ Persistent Infections ☐ HIV Exposure
☐ Other _____

GIRLS:

Age you began Menstrual Period _____

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Family History

Please check and circle ONLY those that Apply

☐ Heart Disease	Mother	Father	Sibling	Grandparent
☐ Hypertension	Mother	Father	Sibling	Grandparent
☐ Diabetes	Mother	Father	Sibling	Grandparent
☐ Cancer	Mother	Father	Sibling	Grandparent
☐ Stroke	Mother	Father	Sibling	Grandparent
☐ Hyperlipidemia (High cholesterol)	Mother	Father	Sibling	Grandparent
☐ Hematologic (Bleeding)	Mother	Father	Sibling	Grandparent

Patient's Social History

Siblings Names and Ages: _____

Siblings Names and Ages: _____

Siblings Names and Ages: _____

School Name and Grade of Patient: _____

Daycare Name: _____

Hobbies & Sports: _____

Handedness: ☐ Right ☐ Left ☐ Ambidextrous

Does the patient attend any therapy?

☐ Physical Therapy ☐ Occupational Therapy ☐ Speech Therapy ☐ EIP

Place of Birth (Hospital):_____

Were there any complications during pregnancy? _____

Was there birth trauma or a difficult delivery? _____

Birth: Born _____Weeks ____ Days ☐ vaginally ☐ C-Section

Parent's Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Single ☐ Separated

Patient Resides with: Primary_____ Secondary _____

Parents Occupation: Mother _____ Father _____

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Conditions

Please check ONLY those that apply

☐ ADHD	☐ Croup	☐ Pacemaker
☐ AIDS	☐ Down syndrome	☐ Pneumonia
☐ Abnormal Head Shape	☐ Epilepsy	☐ Psychiatric Care
☐ Anemia	☐ Glaucoma	☐ Rheumatic Fever
☐ Anorexia	☐ G Tube	☐ Rubella
☐ Allergic Rhinitis	☐ Gastric Reflux	☐ Scarlet Fever
☐ Arthritis	☐ Head Injury	☐ Scoliosis
☐ Asthma	☐ Hernia	☐ Shunt
☐ Bipolar disorder	☐ Heart Disease	☐ Spina Bifida
☐ Bleeding Disorders	☐ Hepatitis	☐ Stroke
☐ Bronchitis	☐ Herpes	☐ Suicide Attempts
☐ Bulimia	☐ High Cholesterol	☐ Thyroid Problems
☐ Cancer	☐ HIV Positive	☐ Tonsillitis
☐ Cataract	☐ Hydrocephalus	☐ Tourette (Tic) Disorder
☐ Cerebral Palsy	☐ Kidney Disease	☐ Tuberculosis
☐ Chemical Dependency	☐ Migraine Headaches	☐ Ulcers
☐ Chicken Pox	☐ Measles	☐ Urinary Tract
☐ Childhood Diseases	☐ Multiple Sclerosis	☐ Infection
☐ Cleft Lip/Palate	☐ Mumps	

Medications & Dosage All current medications including ASPIRIN & Vitamins	Allergies Please include FOOD and LATEX

Are Immunizations Up to Date? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Height_____ Weight_____

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